

**REMARKS**

In the Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2005, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-8, 17-24, 33-40, 56-57, 60-61, 64-65, 70 and 72, drawn to a method, a computer readable medium, and an article of manufacture for displaying a category field in a display window, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- II. Claims 9-16, 25-32, 41-48, 58-59, 62-63, 66-67, 71, 73 and 75, drawn to a method, a computer readable medium, and an article of manufacture for providing a plurality of category entries to be displayed, classified in class 705, subclass 37.
- III. Claims 49-55, 68-69, 74 and 76, drawn to a system with a database and a server to provide the category entries to be displayed, to respond to a detection of the detection of one category entry, and to determine whether the database contains a subcategory of entries that are hierarchically related to the one category entry, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group II, claims 9-16, 25-32, 41-48, 58-59, 62-63, 66-67, 71, 73 and 75. Applicant reserves the right to petition the Requirement for Restriction and/or file divisional application(s) on the non-elected claims.

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Garth Vivier at 408-705-2698 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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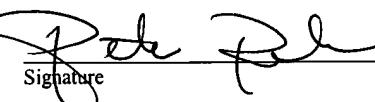
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